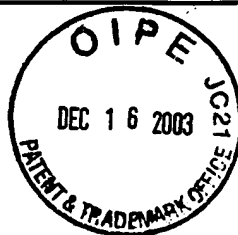


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- amendment to claim 1 of application 10/055,290, correcting for informalities
- amendment to claim 9, conforming to 35 U.S.C 112
- argument against rejection of claims 9 and 13 of application 10/055,290 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)
- argument against rejection of claims 10 and 11 of application 10/055,290 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)
- amendments to claims 2,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, and 20 of application 10/055,290, correcting for informalities.
- references for the argument against rejection of claims 9 and 13 of application 10/055,290 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

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